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SUBJECT: SOVIET UN INITIATIVE ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY
BUDGETS AND DEVELOPEMNT ASSISTANCE.

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1. FONOFF HAS INFORMED US THAT SOVIET AMB TROYANOVSKY CALLED
ON FONOFF VICEMIN HOGEN OCT 2 AND, INTER ALIA, ASKED FOR GOJ
SUPPORT OF SOVIET INITIATIVE ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY
BUDGETS. HOGEN GAVE NO DIRECT ANSWER, BUT COMMENTED THAT
GOJ PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON DISARMAMENT AND FOR MANY
YEARS HAS EXPRESSED VIEW IN UNGA SECOND COMMITTEE THAT MONEY
SAVED FROM DISARMAMENT COULD BE USED TO ASSIST LDC IN
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HOGEN THEN ASKED TWO
QUESTIONS, NEITHER OF WHICH TROYANOVSKY COULD ANSWER:
(A) ON WHAT BASIS WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE
ACTUAL DEFENSE BUDGETS OF FIVE SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT
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MEMBERS, AND (B) HOW DOES NEW SOVIET INITIATIVE RELATE TO

ITEMS ALREADY BEFORE UNGA, I.E., ITEM ON FIRST COMMITTEE AGENDA RELATING TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF ARMS RACE, AND ITEM ON SECOND COMMITTEE AGENDA RELATING TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF DISARMAMENT.

2. FONOFF UN POL AFFAIRS DIVHEAD OWADA, WHO SAT IN ON HOGEN-TROYANOVSKY CONVERSATION, COMMENTED THAT HOGEN AND FONOFF ARE OF COURSE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SOVIET PROPOSAL BUT SINCE PRIMIN TANAKA IS ABOUT TO VISIT MOSCOW, THEY DECIDED IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO FINESSE ISSUE BY AGREEING TO "STUDY IT". WHEN EMOFF PRESENTED US VIEWS (REFTEL), OWADA REMARKED THAT FONOFF SEES SITUATION IN VERY SIMILAR TERMS.

3. AMB INGERSOLL ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH HOGEN ON OCT 3, AT WHICH TIME HOGEN REVIEWED POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE AND GAVE CLEAR INDICATION THAT FONOFF CONSIDERS SOVIET PLOY MORE PROPAGANDA THAN SERIOUS INITIATIVE.

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